CLAIMS

1. A recording material including a color forming dye, comprising: at least one of diphenylsulfone derivatives represented by the general formula (I):

$$H0 \xrightarrow{(R^3) p} S0_{2} \xrightarrow{(R^4) q} 0 \xrightarrow{R^1 \atop C} 0 \atop R^2 \atop R^2} (I)$$

(wherein R¹ and R² each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1 to C6 alkyl group, n represents an integer of 1 to 6, R³ and R⁴ each independently represents a halogen atom, a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a C2 to C6 alkenyl group, or a C1 to C6 alkoxy group, p and q each independently represents an integer of 0 to 4, R³ and R⁴ may be the same or different when p and q each represents an integer of 2 or more, X represents OR⁵ or NR⁶R⁷ wherein R⁵ represents a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a C1 to C6 hydroxyalkyl group, a C1 to C6 alkoxy-C1 to C6 alkyl group, a phenoxy-C1 to C6 alkyl group, a phenyl group which may have a substituent, or a benzyl group which may have a substitutent, and R⁶ and R⁷ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a phenyl group which may have a substituent, or a benzyl group which may have a substituent).

2. A diphenylsulfone derivative represented by the general formula (II):

(wherein R¹ and R² each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C1 to C6 alkyl group, n represents an integer of 1 to 6, R³ and R⁴ each independently represents a halogen atom, a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a C2 to C6 alkenyl group, or a C1 to C6 alkoxy group, p and q each independently

represents an integer of 0 to 4, R³ and R⁴ may be the same or different when p and q each represents an integer of 2 or more, X' represents OR⁸ or NR⁶R⁷ wherein R⁸ represents a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a C1 to C6 hydroxyalkyl group, a C1 to C6 alkoxy-C1 to C6 alkyl group, a phenoxy-C1 to C6 alkyl group, a phenyl group which may have a substituent, or a benzyl group which may have a substitutent, and R⁶ and R⁷ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a phenyl group which may have a substituent, or a benzyl group which may have a substituent, provided that R⁸ is not an ethyl group when R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, R² represents a hydrogen atom, n represents 1, p represents 0, q represents 0, and X' represents OR⁸).